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**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

**Location:** Candlelite Inn Restaurant – Arlington, Texas

**Attendees:** See Sign-In Sheet

- Welcome and Call to Order was at 7:00pm, followed by Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.
- Erica Garcia read February Minutes. Bob Callas moved to accept the minutes as read; Melynda Merrified second; motion approved.
- Nicia Harrison read January-February Treasurer's Report. Melynda Merrifield moved to accept joint report for January and February as read; Myra Mead second; motion approved.
- Holli Brett
  - Discussed the Business Professionals of America State Competition and provided update.
    - SHHS BPA has 14 students going to Nationals in Grapevine, Texas.
    - Luis, who is a BPA senior, attended the competition and provided more information about his categories and projects. His team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Video Production Team category.
  - Last year, Nationals was in Orlando, Florida.
  - When competitions are in town, AISD won't pay for hotels. Typical day, students and sponsors leave Arlington at about 5am. Some competitions start as early as 7am. The night ends at about 11pm when they arrive back in Arlington.
    - In past, some charter buses didn't get to Arlington until 2am.
  - This year's main conference hotel is the Gaylord. Great Wolf Lodge is another hotel available. Based on home state, the competition organizers assign the schools to a specific hotel. (The Gaylord for TX schools.)
  - SHHS BPA needs 5 rooms and would like help with funding. Because AISD won't pay the hotel cost, BPA is having to raise funds. They have been fundraising, but all school clubs are also selling items so it's hard to make money.
  - If you're interested in donating, the deadline is April 13.
    - To donate directly to the club, donations can be mailed to the school, attention Holli Brett – or be given to Jayme Thomas.
    - Donations are also accepted on the alumni's website. After the deadline, we will issue a check.
- Melynda Merrifield
  - Speaking on behalf of Mike Ledford: Texas flag that was previously donated to SHHS was replaced with new flag. He suggested that the old flag be placed in the alumni display case. Mike wanted the membership to vote whether to raffle at the fling or put in the display case.
  - Discussion regarding the flag, as well as the need for new display case locks.

- Brenda Allen motioned for the flag to go back into alumni display case; Nicia Harrison second; none opposed.
- Sheila Young
  - Main basket assembly would be Friday, March 15 at 5pm.
  - Final gift card donations would be picked up by Sheila and Melynda.
  - Sign-up sheet was available for volunteers.
    - There would be a need for security at back doors and greeters to get people moving through front area.
  - There would be a table reserved for the first football coach at SHHS. Claudia and Bob found him and called to invite to Fling.
- Darla Peznell
  - Scholarship flyers are being provided to put in teachers' boxes.
  - Any senior at SHHS can apply; immigration status doesn't matter.
  - There were updates made to the application, including updates to the questions/essays.
    - The new writing prompts will help us with grant applications in the future. It will allow us to pull quotes and stories.
  - Requesting additional people for the committee. If interested, connect with Darla.
  - Our goal is to have application online next year.
- Erica Garcia
  - For those interested in an elected position, Letters of Intent are due Wednesday, April 11. Letters can be handed in at April General Meeting, or they can be emailed to [info@shhstexans.org](mailto:info@shhstexans.org) by midnight.
  - The elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer's, Public Relations Chair, Social Chair, and Parliamentarian.
- General Comments
  - Discussion regarding the Alumni Support Application not being linked directly on the alumni website. Suggested that staff/faculty use the generic contact form. (Erica Garcia)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.